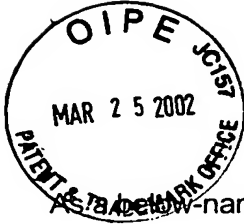


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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

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